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Wednesday, June 24, 2020

UPDATED HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY

The updated orders make revisions and updates to align with the Governor's Safe Start Plan.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Updated Health Officer Orders for Snohomish County

Dr. Chris Spitters, health officer for the Snohomish Health District, issued two new health officer orders that reflect updated COVID-19 requirements in Snohomish County.

[Health Officer Order 20-072](#) rescinds three previous orders.

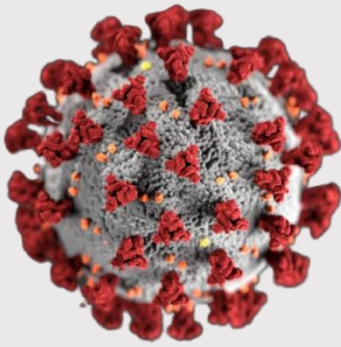
- [Order No. 20-059](#) required all events of over 250 people be halted in Snohomish County and that all events with 250 or less be cancelled unless the organizer could implement social distancing and sanitation measures due to COVID-19.
- [Order No. 20-060](#) placed additional, more restrictive measures to address the spread of the COVID-19 virus, which was extended on March 31, 2020, in [Order No. 20-061](#) until further notice.

The restrictions on crowd size, public food consumption, and business operations contained in those previous orders were not entirely consistent with the county's current Phase 2 position in [the Safe Start Plan](#). In order to ensure that COVID-19 restrictions and permitted activities are consistent with each phase as it is approved by the Secretary of Health, it was necessary to rescind Order Nos. 20-059, 20-060, and 20-061.

[Health Officer Order 20-071](#) is a quarantine directive and isolation order that supersedes the previous [one issued March 31, 2020](#). Since then, guidance on the appropriate duration of isolation has been updated by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH). These updates focus largely on length of time and definitions of close contacts.

Amendments and updates in the new order include the following:

- Any individual with COVID-19 symptoms who has been tested shall remain isolated away from others while waiting for the test results.
- Any individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 shall remain isolated away from others until no longer considered infectious.
- Any individual who has been notified by the Health District or has direct knowledge that they are a close contact of a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case shall remain in quarantine for the duration of the maximum incubation period of the virus (14 days).
- Any close contact of a COVID-19 case who develops symptoms compatible with COVID-19 will be considered a probable case of COVID-19, consistent with CDC and DOH case definitions, and shall
 - promptly get tested or coordinate with the Health District to arrange testing; and
 - remain isolated away from others until no longer considered infectious, regardless of test results.
- All COVID-19 cases and contacts shall cooperate fully and promptly with the Health District, including
 - responding on the same day to all contact attempts from the Health District;
 - following directives for isolation-or-quarantine for their full duration; and
 - responding on the same day to all monitoring prompts for confirmation of such cooperation and to assess health status and general well-being.



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STATEWIDE FACE COVERING ORDER GOES INTO EFFECT FRIDAY

Washington State Secretary of Health John Wiesman signed Order 20-03 mandating the use of face coverings in any indoor or outdoor public setting in the state.

The contagious period is defined as beginning 2 days prior to the onset of illness and continuing until as described below. Confirmed and probable cases are considered no-longer-contagious and eligible to end isolation when:

- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

For those who were never symptomatic for COVID-19, but tested positive, the contagious period begins 10 days prior to the date of collection of the positive specimen. They are able to end isolation when at least 10 days have passed from being tested and no COVID-19 compatible symptoms have emerged.

Close contact is generally defined as those:

- Sharing a living space with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 during their contagious period,
- Spending more than 15 minutes cumulatively within 6-feet (2 meters) of a confirmed or probable case during their contagious period, or
- Working, residing or frequenting a facility, enterprise, or venue where the Health District has reason to believe that an outbreak is occurring.

An outbreak is generally defined as two or more cases occurring in a setting within 14 days of one another.

Both orders emphasize that individuals, organizations and facilities in Snohomish County are still subject to all COVID-19 proclamations, declarations, directives, and orders promulgated and remaining in effect by the Snohomish County Executive, the Secretary of Health, and the Governor. If any element of these orders come into conflict, the more restrictive directive shall prevail.

Related blogs from the Health District:

- [Who should be tested, how to get tested, and more](#) (June 19)
- [Phase 2 of a Safe Start for Snohomish County](#) (June 5)
- [COVID-19 and Contact Tracing](#) (May 20, updated May 27)

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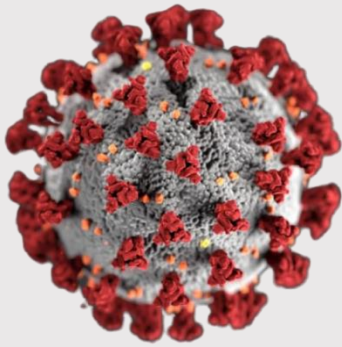
The order goes into effect on Friday, June 26 and applies to anyone who is:

Inside of or in line to enter any indoor public space

- Seeking health care services
- Waiting for or riding public transportation
- Outdoors and unable to keep six feet away from others not in their household

There are exceptions to this order for children under the age of five and people with a medical condition, mental health condition or disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering. In no case should children under two years of age wear a face covering due to the risk of suffocation.

"By using face coverings, we limit the spread of infected droplets being passed on to others when we talk, cough or sneeze," said Wiesman. "I appreciate the efforts of those who are already regularly wearing face



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VIDEO: ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT WEARING FACE COVERINGS IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

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coverings in public, and urge others to join us in taking this critical step to control the virus. Each of us has a part to play to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our communities."

The Department of Health has issued [guidance](#) for cloth face coverings. A cloth face covering is anything from a scarf or bandana to a sewn mask with ties or straps that go around your head or behind your ears.

It is important to ensure you are using and handling cloth face coverings properly. The face covering should fit snugly around both your mouth and nose, and it should not have holes or tears in the fabric. Cloth face coverings should be washed frequently, ideally after each use, and certainly daily. If you are not able to wash it after each use, wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after putting it back on and avoid touching your face.

For more information, visit the Department of Health's website at www.doh.wa.gov/masks.

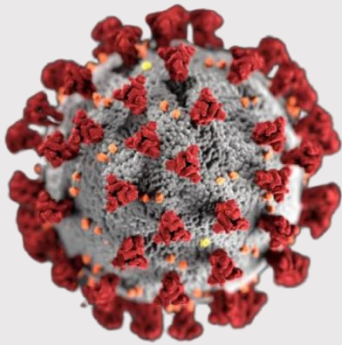
VIDEO: Answers to Questions About Wearing Face Covers in Snohomish County

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FAQ ABOUT FACE COVERS AND THE NEW RULES FOR WASHINGTON

The Washington State Department of Health prepared answers to the most frequently asked questions about the new rules requiring face covers in indoor public spaces and outdoor spaces when a minimum of six feet of distance cannot be maintained.

FAQ About Face Covers and the New Rules for Washington

Gov. Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Wiesman on Tuesday announced a statewide order that will go in effect on June 26 requiring use of face coverings. The order requires individuals to wear a face covering in indoor public spaces such as stores, restaurants or offices, or when outdoors and unable to maintain 6 feet of distance.

There are exemptions, including people with certain disabilities or health conditions, people who are deaf or hard of hearing, and children under the age of 5 (though it's encouraged to have children ages 3-5 wear a covering if possible). There are also situations when you can remove your face covering, such as when seated at a restaurant or when recreating alone.

Individual do not need to wear a cloth face covering in their home when they are only with people in their household, when alone in their car, or when outdoors and people are far apart.

Counties may choose to adopt stricter policies.

The state Department of Health has issued [updated guidance](#) about the order, and below is a FAQ prepared by the governor's office. The [face covering page](#) on the state's COVID-19 site is also being updated. Additional information is available here: www.doh.wa.gov/masks.

FAQ – Face Coverings

What is a face covering?

A cloth face covering is anything from a scarf or bandana to a sewn mask with ties or straps that go around your head or behind your ears. These types of face coverings are appropriate in public settings, although more protective coverings, such as masks or respirators may be required in the workplace.

Where does the statewide requirement apply?

In indoor public settings, including:

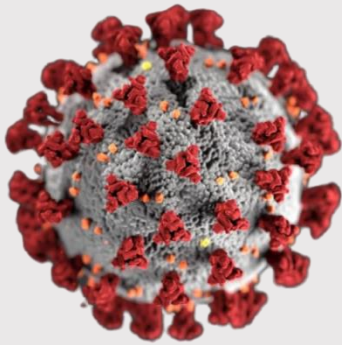
- Inside any building, including any business, that is open to the public;
- In healthcare settings including, but not limited to, a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank; and
- While in line waiting for or riding on public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle.

In outdoor public settings, including the following, if six feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained with individuals who do not share a household:

- Public parks, trails, streets, and recreation areas;

What about at work?

In the workplace, employees are required to wear face coverings at work, as required by the [Department of Labor & Industries Coronavirus Hazard Considerations for Employers](#). Workplace health and safety requirements related to COVID-19 are adopted and enforced by the Department of Labor & Industries. See the [Department of Labor & Industries COVID-19 Workplace Safety and Health Requirements](#) for more information.



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FREE FACE MASKS FOR LOW INCOME LYNNWOOD RESIDENTS THIS SATURDAY

Masks for eligible Lynnwood residents will be distributed on Saturday, June 27th from 1-3 p.m. at the Lynnwood Recreation Center.

What about K-12 schools?

In schools, teachers, visitors, volunteers and students are required to wear face coverings consistent with the Governor's [Proclamation 20-09.2 Phased Reopening of K-12 Schools](#), the [K-12 Schools Summer Guidance](#) and [K-12 Fall 2020-2021 Guidance](#), and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's [Reopening Washington Schools 2020 District Planning Guide](#).

What about colleges and dorms?

We are working on finalizing guidance for higher education institutions. Face coverings will be required in common areas, including cafeterias except while eating. Face coverings will not be required in closed dorm rooms.

What about physical and behavioral health facilities, and long-term care facilities?

DOH's public health order is focused on areas that are generally accessible to the public. Right now, many of these facilities remain closed to visitors. Staff at these facilities are required to wear face coverings consistent with L&I's Safety and Health requirements. For residents, patients, and visitors, face covering requirements will be determined by the medical director of medical facilities. For residents and visitors to long-term care facilities, we are currently working with the providers on formalizing a Safe Start Restart Plan for these facilities.

What about child care?

Children and youth age five years or older must wear cloth face coverings at child care, preschool, or day camp when indoors. Children age two to four years may wear cloth face coverings.

What about correctional facilities?

DOH's public health order is focused on areas that are generally accessible to the public. Staff at correctional facilities are required to wear face coverings consistent with L&I's Safety and Health requirements. The Department of Corrections is requiring and providing face coverings for incarcerated individuals in state facilities. We believe everyone should be wearing face coverings and this is the expectation in correctional settings including jails and juvenile correctional facilities.

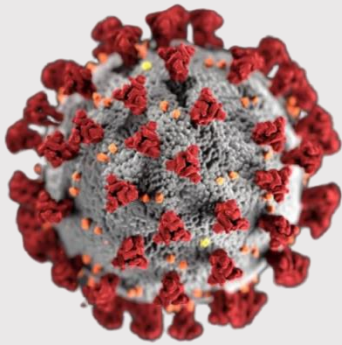
What about the Governor's Proclamation for Yakima County?

In addition to the statewide order from Secretary Wiesman, Gov. Inslee's proclamation creates additional requirements for Yakima County. Businesses in Yakima County may not serve anyone who enters their business without a facial covering. This requirement will be subject to enforcement under the Department of Labor & Industries' Workplace Health and Safety requirements.

Free Face Masks for Low Income Lynnwood Residents This Saturday

The Washington State Department of the Military has provided the City of Lynnwood with enough face coverings/masks to provide two reusable coverings to every low income* Lynnwood resident.

The City will be hosting a drive-through distribution this Saturday, June 27th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM at the Lynnwood Recreation Center, 18900 44th Ave West.



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DOH BLOGS: THE SCIENCE OF MASKS AND FACTS ABOUT CLOTH FACE COVERINGS

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ALL IN WA CONCERT FOR COVID-19 RELIEF, TONIGHT AT 7 P.M.

Tune in at 7 p.m. tonight online, on Twitch, KREM, KING, KONG, or KSKN.

Please bring proof of address such as a piece of mail or photo ID. You will be asked to attest that you meet the income qualifications.

*Low income individuals are defined as someone at or below the 200% federal poverty level. Please see chart for income ranges.

2020	Federal Poverty Levels	2020
Size of Household		200% Level
1		\$ 24,980.00
2		\$ 33,820.00
3		\$ 42,660.00
4		\$ 51,500.00
5		\$ 60,340.00
6		\$ 69,180.00
7		\$ 78,020.00
8		\$ 86,860.00

Free Fabric if You Agree to Make 100 Face Covers

The office of Lt. Gov. Cyrus Habib is registering people to make and donate face covers, and is now offering free fabric. He [said in a tweet](#) Tuesday:

"NEW: If you or your sewing team commits to making 100 masks for the #WAmaskChallenge, our office will send you fabric free of charge!"

Details and registration form can be found [here](#).

DOH Blogs: The Science of Masks and Myths and Facts about Cloth Face Coverings

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The Science of Masks

How much do we really know about how much a cloth face covering can protect us from COVID-19? So much more than before! Prior to this pandemic, there wasn't a whole lot of research going on into the benefit of wearing cloth face coverings to prevent COVID-19.

Read the [full blog on the science of masks here](#).

Myths and Facts of Face Coverings

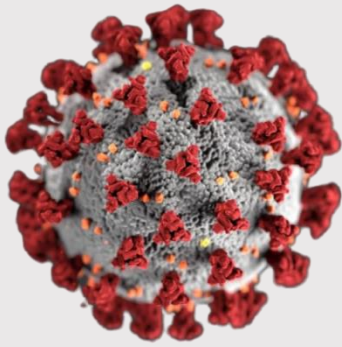
The emerging science on face coverings indicates that they are effective at preventing the spread of COVID-19 if we wear them consistently. And "consistently" means that all of us—even if we feel healthy—need to wear a cloth face covering in public places.

Read the [full blog on myths and facts of face coverings here](#).

All In WA Concert for COVID-19 Relief, Tonight at 7 P.M.

All In Washington has scheduled a concert at 7 p.m. tonight to raise money for workers and families impacted by COVID-19. Here are details:

"All In WA hopes to help all Washingtonians find a way to give back. You can support the All In WA fund, created to fill the gaps in funding across the state and governed by an advisory board you can see [here](#). You can also support a [Cause Fund](#), focused on



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SNOHOMISH COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT 16.2% FOR MAY

Unemployment data now available from the state Employment Security Department reported Snohomish County had 16.2% unemployment in May.

LYNNWOOD SHARES GUIDANCE FOR SAFE USE OF PARKS

The City of Lynnwood provided guidance on how to safely recreate at its parks.

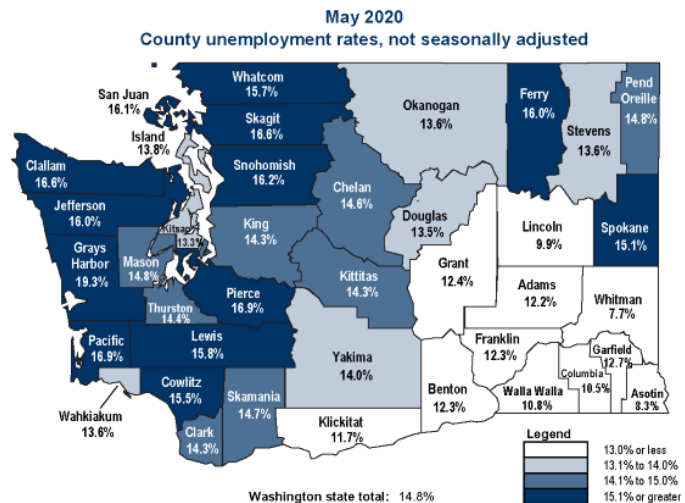
issues of most need, or donate to a [Community Fund](#) near you to support a place you love, or use our [PowerOf](#) tool.

"Please donate today and join us in celebrating the strength of this state by tuning in to All In WA: A Concert for COVID-19 Relief by Presenting Sponsor Amazon, a virtual event to bring attention to our state's needs and resilience. This concert will be broadcast live [here](#) and on Twitch, KREM, KING 5, KONG, and KSKN."



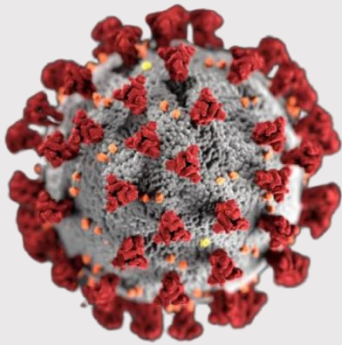
Snohomish County Unemployment 16.2% for May

[County unemployment rates and employment data](#) for May 2020 are now available online from the state Employment Security Department. Snohomish County had 16.2% reported unemployment in May. The [historical estimates report](#) shows that compares to 19.2% in April, 5.9% in March and 2.8% in February, before the COVID-19 pandemic really took hold.



Lynnwood Shares Guidance for Safe Use of Parks

Please remember when visiting Lynnwood Parks stay 6 feet apart and continue to recreate responsibly. All playgrounds remain closed. To stay up to date be sure to visit: www.PlayLynnwood.com



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HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TEMPORARILY RESTRICTING INBOUND CALLS

The state Employment Security Department is restricting inbound calls to its unemployment claims center June 24-July 2.

RECREATE RESPONSIBLY.

Please maintain physical distancing, avoid gathering in groups and limit restroom use to one person at a time.



The City's priority is protecting the health and safety of our visitors.

Always follow public health guidelines when visiting Lynnwood parks.
Snohomish Health District: www.snohd.org/ncov2019



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#RecreateResponsibly

Stay up to date:
www.PlayLynnwood.com



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The newly founded [Snohomish and Island County Labor Council Hardship Fund](#) is there to help union members and their families through these difficult times.

Assistance is based on funding available and is limited to \$500 per calendar year. The Snohomish & Island County Hardship Fund is a 501 (3)(c) nonprofit organization.

Types of help:

- Food
- Gas
- Phone
- Utility Shut-Off, i.e. power, water, internet
- Rent
- Emergency Dental
- Other (on a case-by-case basis)

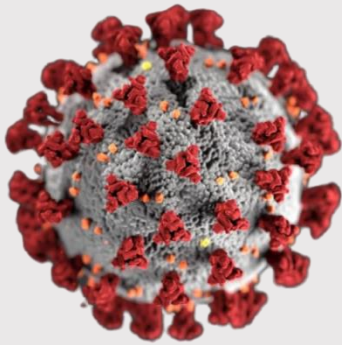
Employment Security Temporarily Restricting Inbound Calls

The state Employment Security Department is [restricting inbound calls](#) to its unemployment claims center June 24-July 2. This will allow claims agents to focus on outbound calling to resolve complex issues for customers who have been waiting the longest for their benefits and free up staff time to process claims with simpler issues.

Customers will still be able to:

- Submit weekly claims online.
- Use the automated telephone system to submit weekly claims by calling 800-318-6022.
- Call our questions hotline at 833-572-8400 for answers to general unemployment questions that are not available on our website. Customer service reps at this number cannot answer questions about specific claims.





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CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are available on the Snohomish Health District [website](#) and the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19
Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19
Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of June 24, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:30 p.m.
Confirmed	3,376
Probable	458
Deaths	165

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:30 p.m.
Arlington	136 (125 recovered)
Bothell*	248 (208 recovered)
Brier	23 (22 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	378 (322 recovered)
Everett	1,152 (919 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	30 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	136 (121 recovered)
Lynnwood	694 (619 recovered)
Marysville	330 (233 recovered)
Mill Creek	59 (50 recovered)
Monroe	96 (82 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	121 (110 recovered)
Mukilteo	70 (66 recovered)
Snohomish	177 (155 recovered)
Stanwood	121 (98 recovered)
Sultan	9 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	25 (22 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (11 recovered)
Woodway	8 (8 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. *Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.